

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
INSURANCE**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Insurance was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Condino, Farrah.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Wojno.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2006 meeting. Representative Hunter supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4745 and HB 4746 before the committee.

HB 4745 Hummel Insurance; health care corporations; conscientious refusal offering or providing certain health care benefits; allow.

HB 4746 Hummel Insurance; health; conscientious refusal to offering or providing certain health care benefits; allow.

Romy Crawford of Representative Hummel's office testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Kelly Hamilton of MARAL Pro-Choice Michigan testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Shelli Weisberg of ACLU of Michigan testified in opposition to the bills. Ms. Weisberg also submitted written testimony.

Ed Rivet of Right To Life of Michigan testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Krystal Rourke of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in opposition to the bills. Ms. Rourke also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Michael O'Dea of Christus Medicus and Valu Sure Corporation testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Mark Cook of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.
 Marie Schriener of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan.
 Christine Shearer of the Michigan Association of Health Plans.
 Stephanie Wuttke of Michigan NOW.

The Chair laid HB 5608 before the committee.

HB 5608 Farrah Insurance; other; interstate insurance product regulation compact; enact.

Representative Barbara Farrah, sponsor of HB 5608, testified in support of the bill.

Krystal Rourke of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in support of the bill. Ms. Rourke also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Andrew Beal of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners testified in support of the bill. Mr. Beal also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Frank Venuto and John Gerni of the American Council of Life Insurers testified in support of the bill. Mr. Venuto and Mr. Gerni also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Larry Kish of the Life Insurance Association of Michigan submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 4745 and HB 4746.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4745 with recommendation. Representative Sheen supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 9-6-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Mortimer.

Nays: Reps. Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Condino, Farrah.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4746 with recommendation. Representative Sheen supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 9-6-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Mortimer.

Nays: Reps. Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Condino, Farrah.
Pass: None.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 5608.

Representative Farrah offered the following amendment to HB 5608:

1. Amend page 3, line 14, after “the” by striking out the balance of the line through “commission” on line 15 and inserting “commissioner”.

Representative Farrah moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Condino, Farrah.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Hunter moved to report HB5608 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Condino, Farrah.
Nays: None.
Pass: None.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to excuse the absence of Representative Wojno. Representative Robertson supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Representative Joe Hune, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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